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**Whispers and
Murmurs**

1. Working Out Jesus

v27-36



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Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? 27 But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.” 28 So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know

where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. John 7:26–28

Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. 34 You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.” 35 The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him?

Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? 36 What does he mean by saying, ‘You will seek me and you will not find me,’ and, ‘Where I am you cannot come’?” John 7:33–36



can Jesus be worked out?

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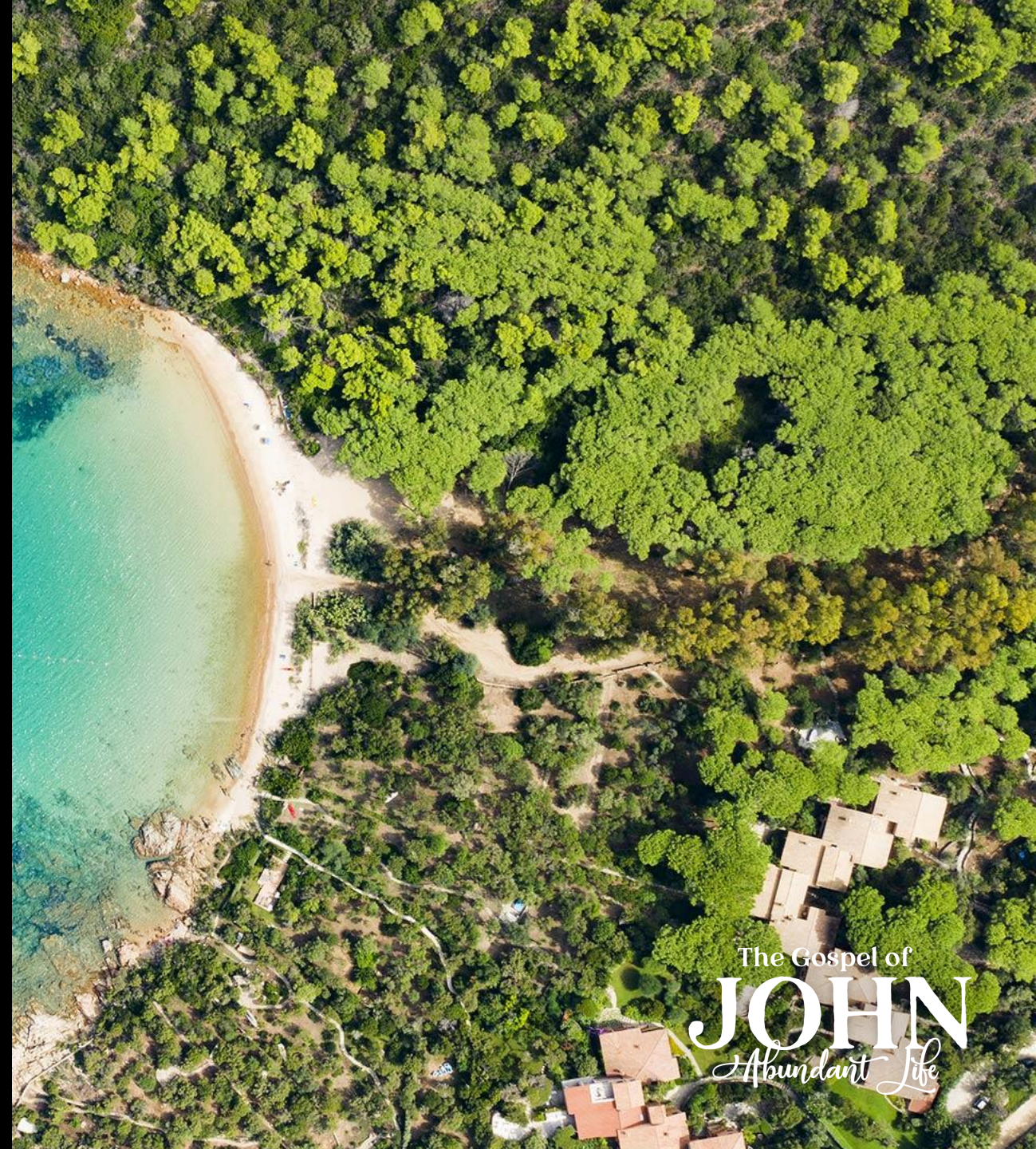


can you let God be God?

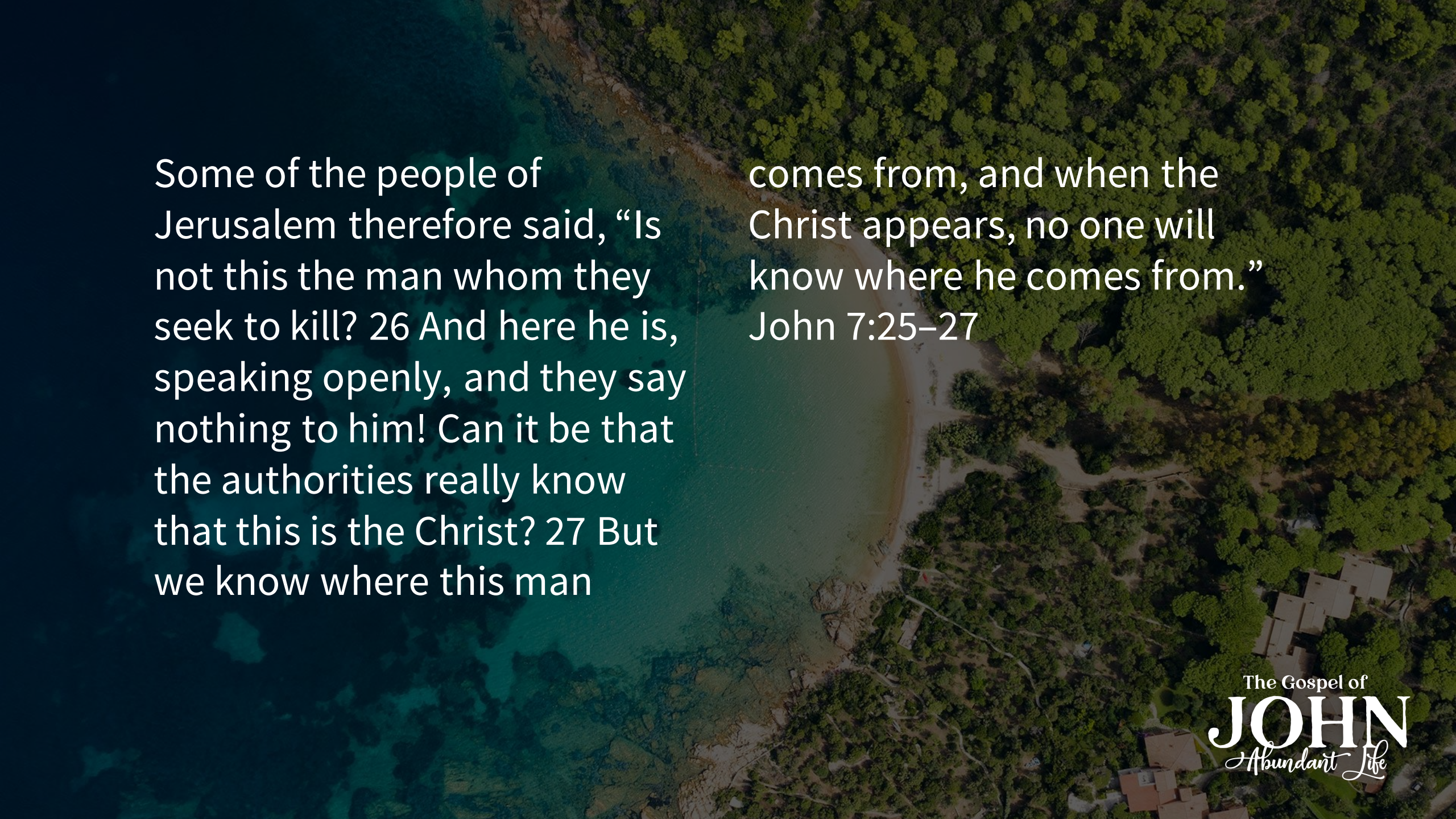
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2. Assumptions and Jesus

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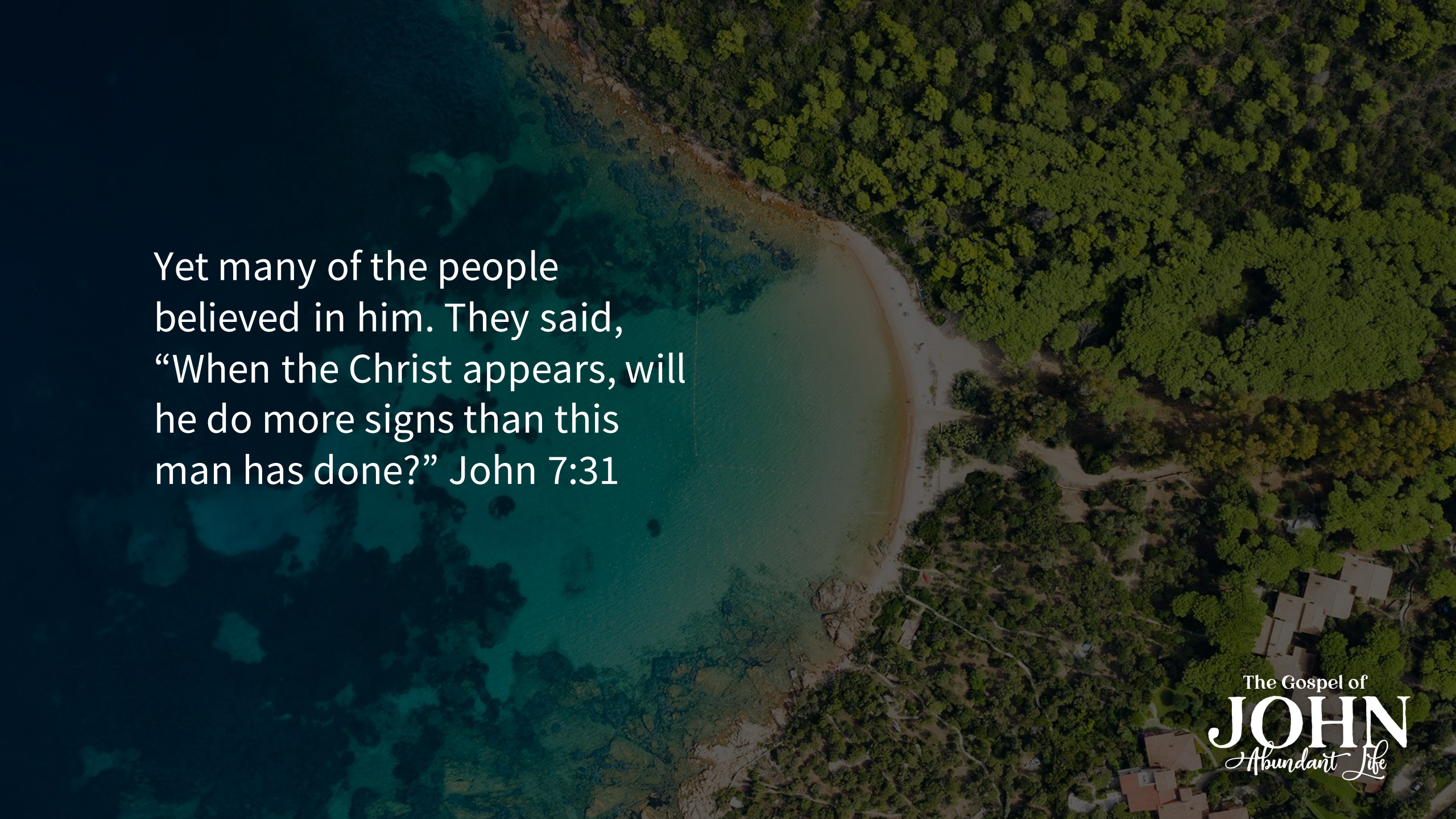


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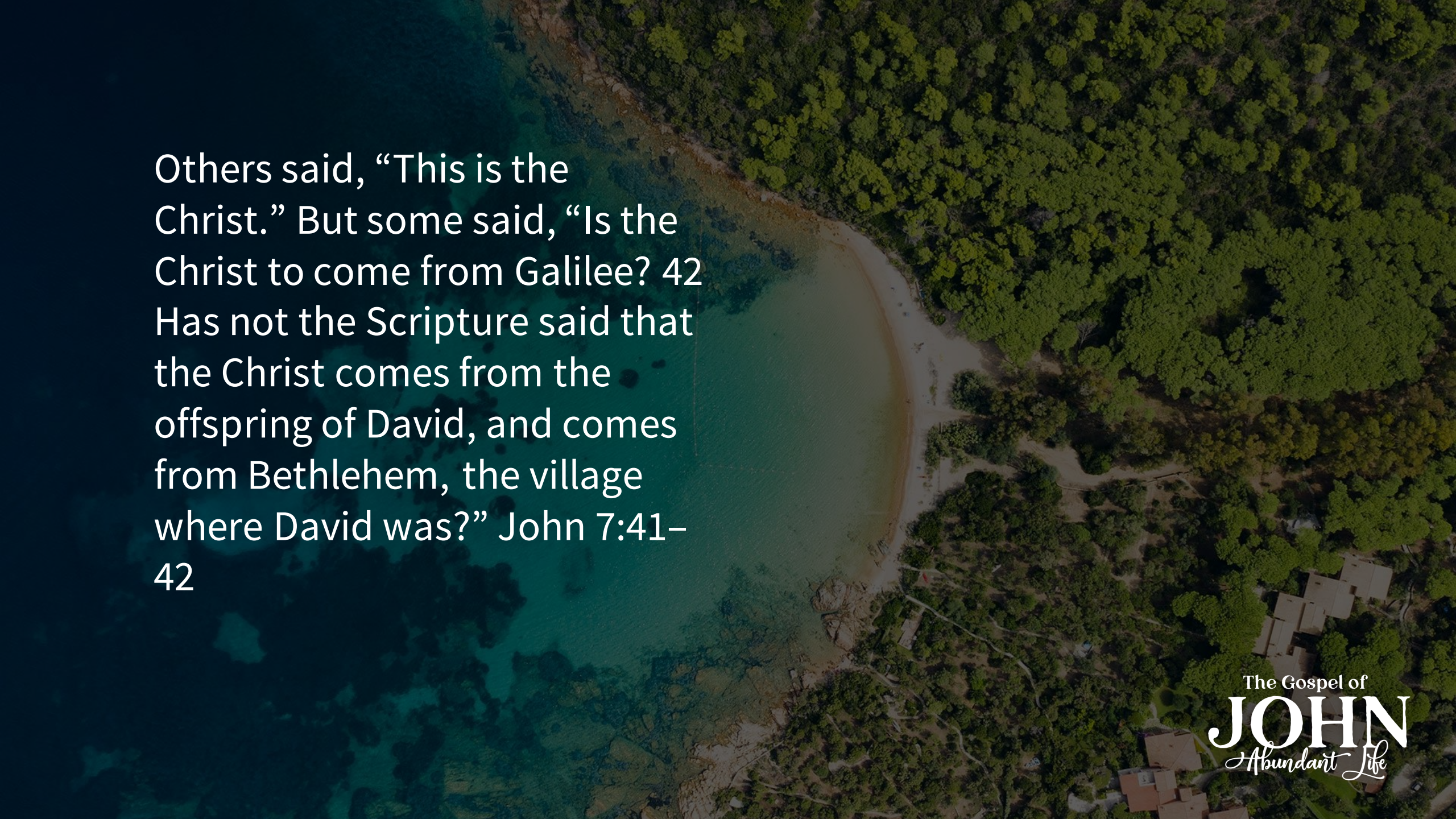
Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, “Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? 26 And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? 27 But we know where this man

comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.”
John 7:25–27



Yet many of the people
believed in him. They said,
“When the Christ appears, will
he do more signs than this
man has done?” John 7:31

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Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” John 7:41–42



**assumptions help and hinder the way we
do relationship with Jesus**

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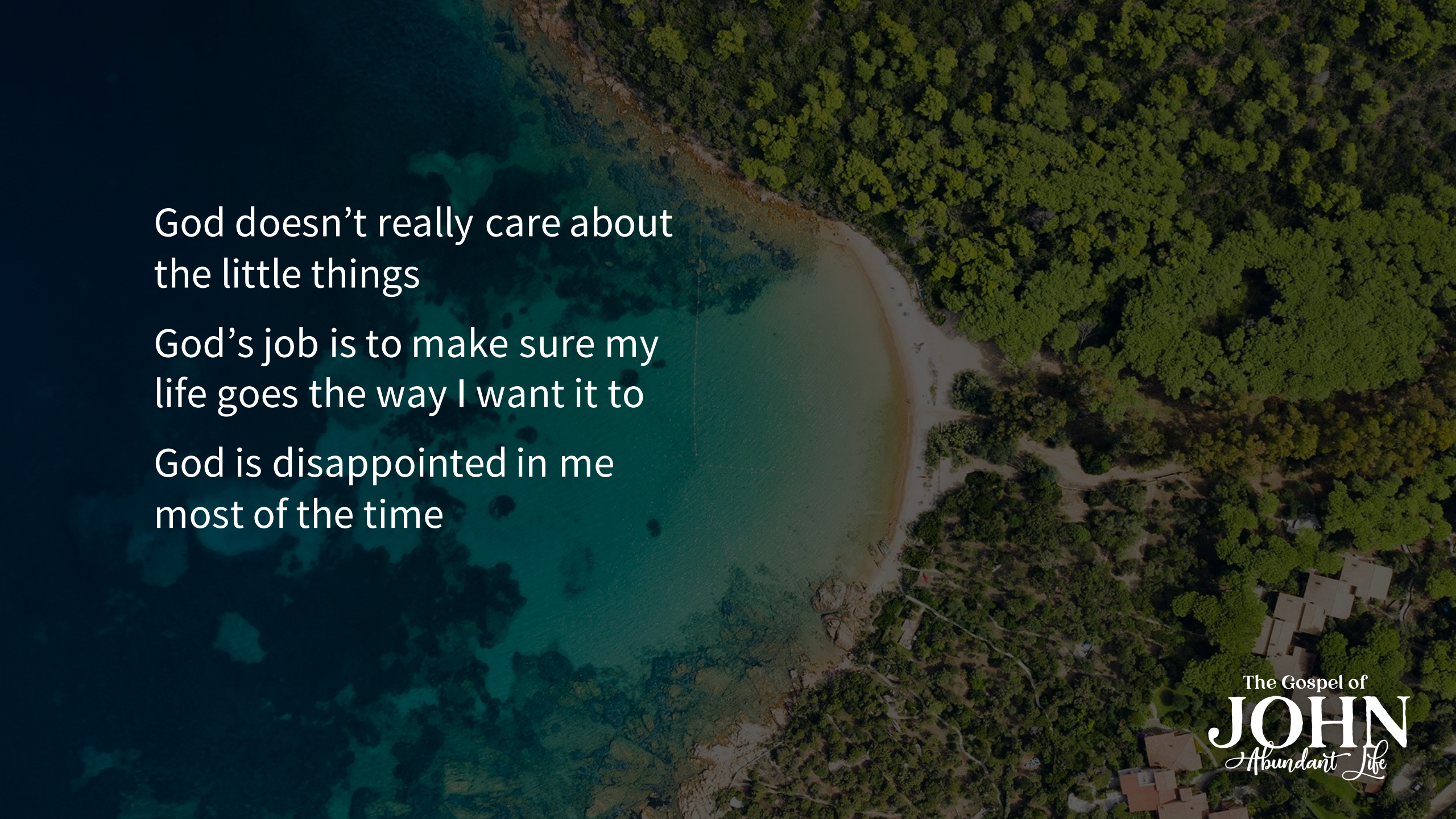
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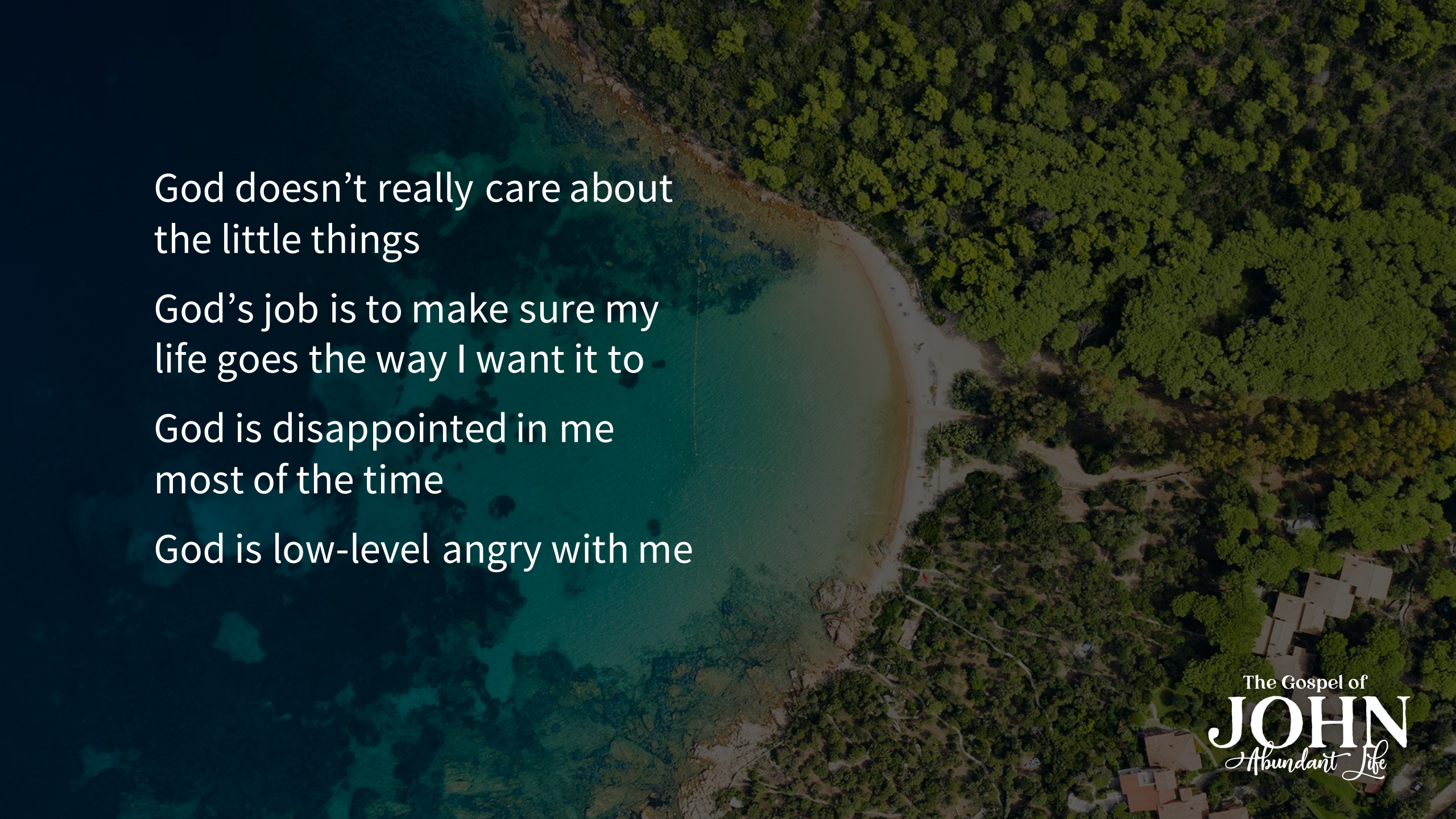


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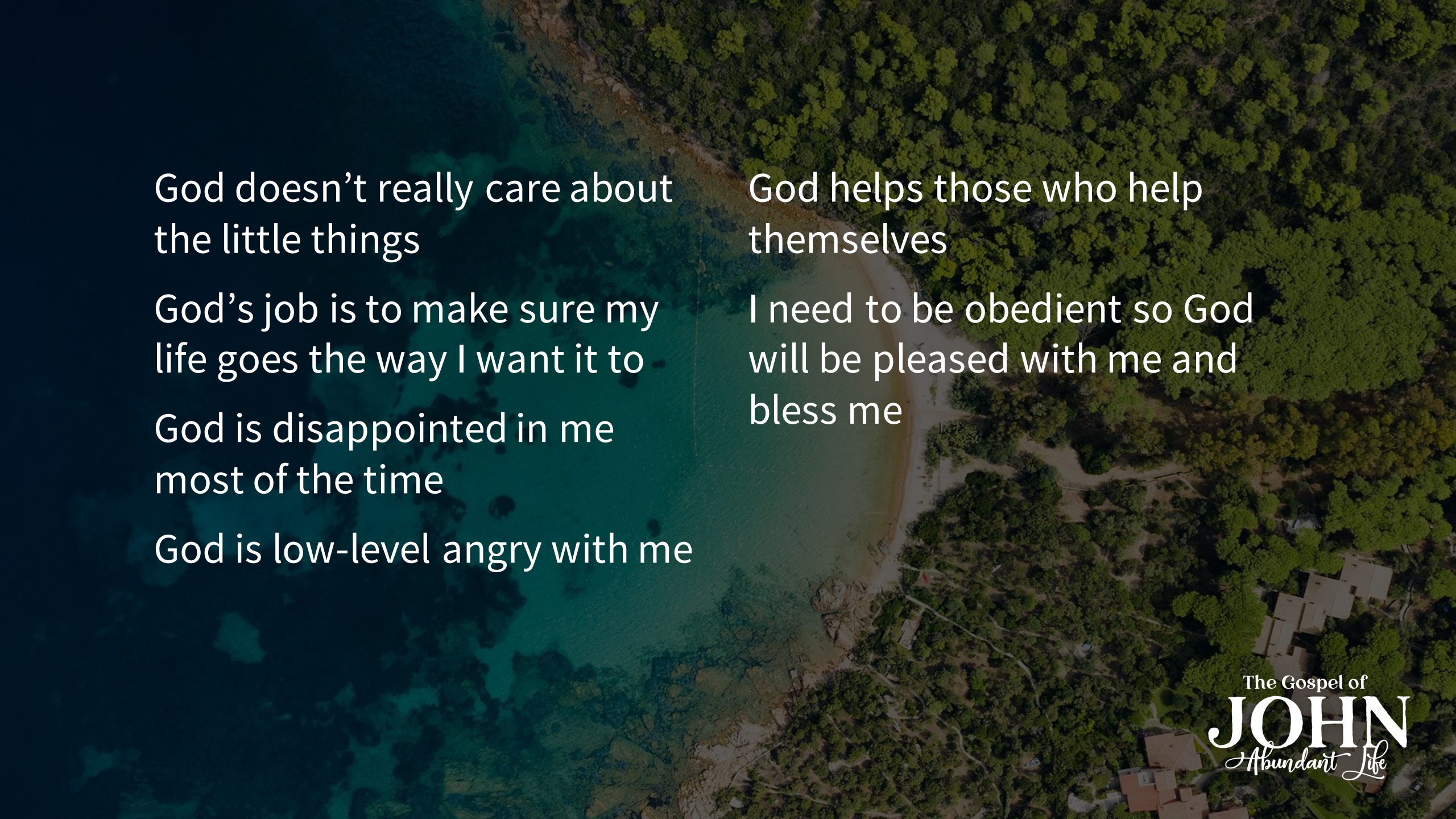
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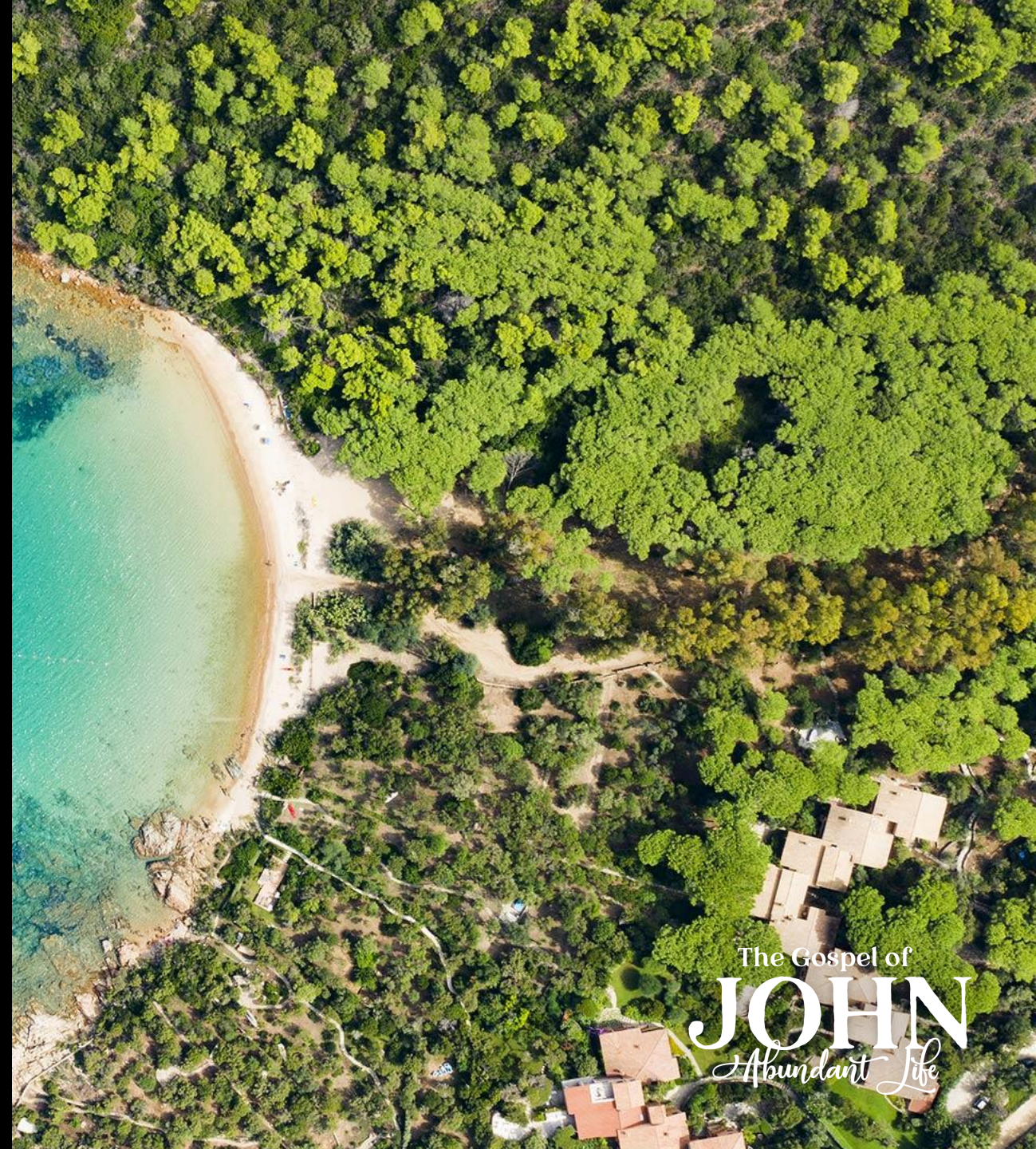
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God is a killjoy

3. Let Him Tell You Who He Is

v28-29,33-34



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Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, “Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? John 7:25

They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?” John 7:31

The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him ... John 7:32

The Jews said to one another ... John 7:35

When they heard these words, some of the people said ... John 7:40

The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them ... John 7:45



everyone is talking *about* Jesus, and no
one is talking *to* him

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So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, “You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.” John 7:28–29

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it didn't have to be that hard

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Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word.

42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." John 4:39–42